

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN**

WENDY HUSSMANN,

Plaintiff,

v.

NANCY A. BERRYHILL, Acting  
Commissioner of Social Security,

Defendant.

Case No. 17-CV-1777-JPS

**ORDER**

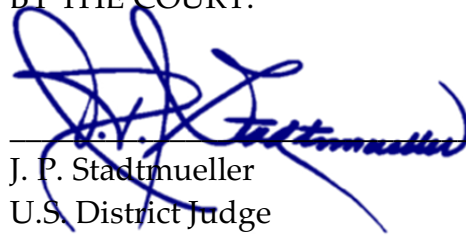
On May 11, 2018, the Court remanded this case to the Commissioner of Social Security pursuant to the parties' stipulation. (Docket #12, #14, #15). On July 6, 2018, the parties filed a joint stipulation for an award of attorney's fees and expenses to Plaintiff pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act ("EAJA"), 28 U.S.C. § 2412. (Docket #20). In light of the parties' stipulation, and because the Court finds that the fees incurred are both reasonable and necessary and qualify under the EAJA,

**IT IS ORDERED** that the parties' joint stipulation for attorney's fees (Docket #20) be and the same is hereby **ADOPTED**; an award of attorney's fees and expenses in the amount of \$551.01 shall be paid by Defendant in full satisfaction and settlement of any and all claims for fees or expenses Plaintiff may have in this matter pursuant to the EAJA. This award is made to Plaintiff and not Plaintiff's attorney and can be offset to satisfy pre-existing debts that the litigant owes the United States under *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 560 U.S. 586 (2010). If counsel for the parties verify that Plaintiff owes no pre-existing debt subject to offset, then Defendant shall direct that the award be made payable to Plaintiff's attorney pursuant to the EAJA

assignment signed by Plaintiff and counsel. If Plaintiff owes a pre-existing debt subject to offset in an amount less than the EAJA award, the Social Security Administration will instruct the U.S. Department of Treasury that any check for the remainder after offset will be made payable to Plaintiff and mailed to the business address of Plaintiff's attorney.

Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, this 9th day of July, 2018.

BY THE COURT:



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J. P. Stadtmueller  
U.S. District Judge